

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) A withdrawal device for blow-molded film, comprising:

an air turning bar having an air-cushioned surface for transporting the withdrawn blow-molded film, the bar surface having an edge portion at each end thereof that guides the film, and a central portion disposed between the edge portions,

said edge portions of the bar surface each including a sintered material having a rough surface texture for providing increased frictional resistance to air flow.

17. (Previously presented) The withdrawal device according to claim 16, wherein the central portion of the bar surface includes a non-sintered metal.

18. (Previously presented) The withdrawal device according to claim 17, wherein the non-sintered metal is selected from the group consisting of copper and brass.

19. (Previously presented) The withdrawal device according to claim 16, wherein the sintered material is a sintered ceramic.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 20,~~ A method of withdrawing blow-molded film, comprising:

supporting the blow-molded film by providing a cushion of compressed air on an air turning bar surface, the bar surface having an edge portion at each end thereof that guides the film, and a central portion disposed between the edge portions; and

guiding the film by providing a first friction region at the central portion and a second friction region at each of the edge portions, ~~wherein~~ the second friction region ~~has~~ having a greater amount of friction than the first friction region.

22. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the edge portions of the bar surface each include a sintered material, and the central portion of the bar surface includes a non-sintered metal.